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SUBJECT: SOREIGN MINISTRY REPLIES TO MAY 15 PROTEST NOTE

REFS: A. VIENTIANE 3385

B. VIENTIANE 3384

1. FOR THE RECORD, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REPLIED TO OUR NOTE OF MAY 15 (REF A) PROTESTING MAY 9 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CHANCERY AND MAY 14 DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST USAID FACILITIES IN LUANG PRABANG AND SAVANNAKHET. REPLY IS DATED MAY 21 AND WAS DELIVERED MAY 22.

2. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS: "ON THIS SUBJECT THE MINISTRY WISHES TO REAFFIRM TO THE EMBASSY THAT THE PGNU IS ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS DERIVING FROM THE 1961 VIENNA
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CONVENTION AND IS CONSISTENT IN ASSURING THE SECURITY AND

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY OF ALL THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO LAOS. IT HAS ALWAYS GIVEN ORDERS TO THIS EFFECT TO ITS LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHICH SOMETIMES HAVE UNFORTUNATELY BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE DEMONSTRATORS. THIS WAS THE CASE WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENTS OF 9 AND 14 MAY, FOR WHICH THE PGNU PRESENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA ITS SINCERE REGRETS."

3. COMMENT: PGNU'S APOLOGIES FOR MAY 9 INCIDENT AT CHANCERY WERE EARLIER EXPRESSED BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN AT HIS MAY 15 BRIEFING AFTER MAY 14 CABINET MEETING (REF B). SUBSEQUENT EVENTS HAVE OF COURSE MADE A MOCKERY OF THE PGNU POSITION AS STATED IN THIS REPLY, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DISINGENUOUS COMING FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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